

Union Calendar No. 327

106TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 3313

[Report No. 106-597]

To amend section 119 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the program for Long Island Sound, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 10, 1999

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut (for herself, Mr. LAZIO, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. LARSON, Mr. KING, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. WALSH, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. OWENS, Mrs. KELLY, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. WEINER, Mr. SWEENEY, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. FORBES, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. NADLER, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. ENGEL, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, and Mr. RANGEL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

MAY 2, 2000

Additional sponsors: Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. QUINN, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. ENGLISH, Mrs. MORELLA, and Mr. PORTER

MAY 2, 2000

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on November 10, 1999]

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trol Act to reauthorize the program for Long Island Sound, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Long Island Sound Res-*
 5 *toration Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. NITROGEN CREDIT TRADING SYSTEM AND OTHER**
 7 **MEASURES.**

8 *Section 119(c)(1) of the Federal Water Pollution Con-*
 9 *trol Act (33 U.S.C. 1269(c)(1)) is amended by inserting*
 10 *“, including efforts to establish, within the process for*
 11 *granting watershed general permits, a system for trading*
 12 *nitrogen credits and any other measures that are cost-effec-*
 13 *tive and consistent with the goals of the Plan” before the*
 14 *semicolon at the end.*

15 **SEC. 3. ASSISTANCE FOR DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES.**

16 *Section 119 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act*
 17 *(33 U.S.C. 1269) is amended—*

18 *(1) by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection*
 19 *(f); and*

20 *(2) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-*
 21 *lowing:*

22 *“(e) ASSISTANCE TO DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES.—*

23 *“(1) ELIGIBLE COMMUNITIES.—*

1 “(A) *STATES TO DETERMINE CRITERIA.*—
 2 *For the purposes of this subsection, a distressed*
 3 *community is any community that meets afford-*
 4 *ability criteria established by the State in which*
 5 *the community is located, if such criteria are de-*
 6 *veloped after public review and comment.*

7 “(B) *CONSIDERATION OF IMPACT ON WATER*
 8 *AND SEWER RATES.*—*In determining if a com-*
 9 *munity is a distressed community for the pur-*
 10 *poses of this subsection, the State shall consider*
 11 *the extent to which the rate of growth of a com-*
 12 *munity’s tax base has been historically slow such*
 13 *that implementing the plan described in sub-*
 14 *section (c)(1) would result in a significant in-*
 15 *crease in any water or sewer rate charged by the*
 16 *community’s publicly-owned wastewater treat-*
 17 *ment facility.*

18 “(C) *INFORMATION TO ASSIST STATES.*—
 19 *The Administrator may publish information to*
 20 *assist States in establishing affordability criteria*
 21 *under subparagraph (A).*

22 “(2) *REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS.*—

23 “(A) *LOAN SUBSIDIES.*—*Subject to subpara-*
 24 *graph (B), any State making a loan to a dis-*
 25 *tressed community from a revolving fund under*

1 *title VI for the purpose of assisting the imple-*
 2 *mentation of the plan described in subsection*
 3 *(c)(1) may provide additional subsidization (in-*
 4 *cluding forgiveness of principal).*

5 “(B) *TOTAL AMOUNT OF SUBSIDIES.*—*For*
 6 *each fiscal year, the total amount of loan sub-*
 7 *sidies made by a State under subparagraph (A)*
 8 *may not exceed 30 percent of the amount of the*
 9 *capitalization grant received by the State for the*
 10 *year.*

11 “(3) *PRIORITY.*—*In making assistance available*
 12 *under this section for the upgrading of wastewater*
 13 *treatment facilities, a State may give priority to a*
 14 *distressed community.”.*

15 **SEC. 4. REAUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

16 *Section 119(f) of the Federal Water Pollution Control*
 17 *Act (as redesignated by section 3 of this Act) is amended—*

18 *(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “1991 through*
 19 *2001” and inserting “2000 through 2003”; and*

20 *(2) in paragraph (2), by striking “not to exceed*
 21 *\$3,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1991 through*
 22 *2001” and inserting “not to exceed \$80,000,000 for*
 23 *each of fiscal years 2000 through 2003”.*

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